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What does settlement mean?

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1. settlement (Noun)

The state of being settled.

2. settlement (Noun)

A colony that is newly established; a place of recent new settlement.

3. settlement (Noun)

A community of people living together, such as a hamlet, village, town, or city.

4. settlement (Noun)

The gradual sinking of a building. Fractures or dislocations caused by settlement.

5. settlement (Noun)

The delivery of goods by the seller and payment for them by the buyer, under a previously agreed trade or transaction or contract entered into.

6. settlement (Noun)

A disposition of property, or the act of granting it.

7. settlement (Noun)

A settled place of abode; residence; a right growing out of legal residence.

8. settlement (Noun)

A resolution of a dispute.

Webster Dictionary

1. Settlement (noun)

the act of setting, or the state of being settled

2. Settlement (noun)

establishment in life, in business, condition, etc.; ordination or installation as pastor

3. Settlement (noun)

the act of peopling, or state of being peopled; act of planting, as a colony; colonization; occupation by settlers; as, the settlement of a new country

4. Settlement (noun)

the act or process of adjusting or determining; composure of doubts or differences; pacification; liquidation of accounts; arrangement; adjustment; as, settlement of a controversy, of accounts, etc

5. Settlement (noun)

bestowal, or giving possession, under legal sanction; the act of giving or conferring anything in a formal and permanent manner

6. Settlement (noun)

a disposition of property for the benefit of some person or persons, usually through the medium of trustees, and for the benefit of a wife, children, or other relatives; jointure granted to a wife, or the act of granting it

7. Settlement (noun)

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that which settles, or is settled, establish or fixed

- 8. **Settlement** (noun)
matter that subsides; settlings; sediment; lees; dregs
- 9. **Settlement** (noun)
a colony newly established; a place or region newly settled; as, settlement in the West
- 10. **Settlement** (noun)
that which is bestowed formally and permanently; the sum secured to a person; especially, a jointure made to a woman at her marriage; also, in the United States, a sum of money or other property formerly granted to a pastor in addition to his salary
- 11. **Settlement** (noun)
the gradual sinking of a building, whether by the yielding of the ground under the foundation, or by the compression of the joints or the material
- 12. **Settlement** (noun)
fractures or dislocations caused by settlement
- 13. **Settlement** (noun)
a settled place of abode; residence; a right growing out of residence; legal residence or establishment of a person in a particular parish or town, which entitles him to maintenance if a pauper, and subjects the parish or town to his support

Freebase

- 1. **Settlement**
In law, a settlement is a resolution between disputing parties about a legal case, reached either before or after court action begins. The term "settlement" also has other meanings in the context of law. Structured settlements provide for a periodic payment.

British National Corpus

- 1. **Spoken Corpus Frequency**
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SETTLEMENT

Pronunciation (US): setəlmənt

Dictionary entry overview: What does settlement mean?

• **SETTLEMENT (noun)**

The noun **SETTLEMENT** has 7 senses:

1. a body of people who settle far from home but maintain ties with their homeland; inhabitants remain nationals of their home state but are not literally under the home state's system of government
2. a community of people smaller than a town
3. a conclusive resolution of a matter and disposition of it
4. the act of colonizing; the establishment of colonies
5. something settled or resolved; the outcome of decision making
6. an area where a group of families live together
7. termination of a business operation by using its assets to discharge its liabilities

*Familiarity information: **SETTLEMENT** used as a noun is common.*

Dictionary entry details

• **SETTLEMENT (noun)**

Sense 1

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Meaning:

A body of people who settle far from home but maintain ties with their homeland; inhabitants remain nationals of their home state but are not literally under the home state's system of government

Classified under:

Nouns denoting groupings of people or objects

Synonyms:

colony; settlement

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

body (a group of persons associated by some common tie or occupation and regarded as an entity)

Meronyms (members of "settlement"):

colonial (a resident of a colony)

Hyponyms (each of the following is a kind of "settlement"):

proprietary colony (a colony given to a proprietor to govern (in 17th century))

Plantation (a newly established colony (especially in the colonization of North America))

frontier settlement; outpost (a settlement on the frontier of civilization)

Instance hyponyms:

Demerara (a former Dutch colony in South America; now a part of Guyana)

Calpe; Gibraltar; Rock of Gibraltar (location of a colony of the United Kingdom on a limestone promontory at the southern tip of Spain; strategically important because it can control the entrance of ships into the Mediterranean; one of the Pillars of Hercules)

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Plymouth Colony (colony formed by the Pilgrims when they arrived at Plymouth Rock in 1620; it was absorbed into the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691)

New Amsterdam (a settlement established by the Dutch near the mouth of Hudson River and the southern end of Manhattan Island; annexed by the English in 1664 and renamed New York)

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SETTLING
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Sense 2

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Meaning:

A community of people smaller than a town

Classified under:

Nouns denoting groupings of people or objects

Synonyms:

small town; village; settlement

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

community (a group of people living in a particular local area)

Hyponyms (each of the following is a kind of "settlement"):

moshav (a cooperative Israeli village or settlement comprised of small farms)

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Meaning:

A conclusive resolution of a matter and disposition of it

Classified under:

Nouns denoting communicative processes and contents

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

agreement; understanding (the statement (oral or written) of an exchange of promises)

Hyponyms (each of the following is a kind of "settlement"):

accommodation (a settlement of differences)

conclusion (a final settlement)

out-of-court settlement (resolution of a dispute prior to the rendering of a final decision by the trial court)

property settlement ((matrimonial law) the division of property owned or acquired by marriage partners during their marriage)

accord and satisfaction (the settlement of a debt by paying less than the amount demanded in exchange for extinguishing the debt)

Sense 4

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Meaning:

The act of colonizing; the establishment of colonies

Classified under:

Nouns denoting acts or actions

Synonyms:

colonisation; colonization; settlement

Context example:

the British colonization of America

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

constitution; establishment; formation; organisation; organization (the act of forming something)

Hyponyms (each of the following is a kind of "settlement"):

population (the act of populating (causing to live in a place))

Sense 5

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Meaning:

Something settled or resolved; the outcome of decision making

Classified under:

Nouns denoting cognitive processes and contents

Synonyms:

closure; settlement; resolution

Context examples:

the finally reached a settlement with the union / they never did achieve a final resolution of their differences / he needed to grieve before he could achieve a sense of closure

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

deciding; decision making (the cognitive process of reaching a decision)

Sense 6

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Meaning:

An area where a group of families live together

Classified under:

Nouns denoting spatial position

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

geographic area; geographic region; geographical area; geographical region (a demarcated area of the Earth)

Hyponyms (each of the following is a kind of "settlement"):

hamlet; village (a settlement smaller than a town)

Sense 7

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Meaning:

Termination of a business operation by using its assets to discharge its liabilities

Classified under:

Nouns denoting acts or actions

Synonyms:

liquidation; settlement

Hypernyms ("settlement" is a kind of...):

conclusion; ending; termination (the act of ending something)

Hyponyms (each of the following is a kind of "settlement"):

viatical settlement; viaticus settlement (sale of an insurance policy by a terminally ill policy holder)

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settlement

A settlement is a colony or any small community of people. If a bunch of people build houses on the moon together, they'll have the first lunar *settlement*. A *settlement* is also the resolution of something such as a lawsuit.

One kind of settlement is a place where people live. This can be a community that's smaller than a town, like a village. Also, if one country establishes a colony somewhere else, that can be called a settlement. The other kind of settlement happens when something is settled, like the end of a disagreement. A lawsuit is ended if there's a settlement — both parties make an agreement that often involves money. A settlement brings closure and resolution.

PRIMARY MEANINGS OF:

settlement

- 1 *n* the act of colonizing; the establishment of colonies
- 2 *n* something settled or resolved; the outcome of decision making

FULL DEFINITIONS OF: settlement

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n the act of colonizing; the establishment of colonies

Synonyms: [colonisation](#), [colonization](#)

Types: [population](#)
the act of populating (causing to live in a place)

Type of: [constitution](#), [establishment](#), [formation](#), [organisation](#), [organization](#)
the act of forming or establishing something

n a body of people who settle far from home but maintain ties with their homeland; inhabitants remain nationals of their home state but are not literally under the home state's system of government

Synonyms: [colony](#)

Examples: [show 4 examples...](#)

Types: [frontier settlement](#), [outpost](#)
a settlement on the frontier of civilization

[Plantation](#)
a newly established colony (especially in the colonization of North America)

[proprietary colony](#)
a colony given to a proprietor to govern (in 17th century)

Type of:

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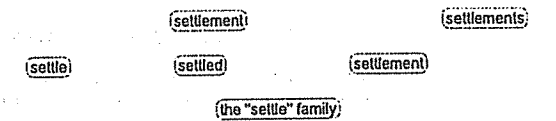
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New York Times Jan 20, 2015
- The settlement is not final, the people said, and any deal would need the approval of about a dozen state attorneys general.
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- The settlement between the Department of Environmental Quality and Western Metals Recycling resolves three of four violations cited by the agency.
Washington Times Jan 17, 2015
- A ruling isn't expected until April at the earliest and, barring a settlement, appeals are likely.
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body

a group of persons associated by some common tie or occupation and regarded as an entity

AdChoices

n a community of people smaller than a town

Synonyms: small town, village

Types: moshav

a cooperative Israeli village or settlement comprised of small farms

Type of: community

a group of people living in a particular local area

n an area where a group of families live together

Examples: show 8 examples...

Types: show 4 types...

Type of: geographic area, geographic region, geographical area, geographical region

a demarcated area of the Earth

2

n something settled or resolved; the outcome of decision making

"they finally reached a settlement with the union"

Synonyms: closure, resolution

Type of: deciding, decision making

the cognitive process of reaching a decision

n a conclusive resolution of a matter and disposition of it

Examples: Missouri Compromise

an agreement in 1820 between pro-slavery and anti-slavery factions in the United States concerning the extension of slavery into new territories

Types: show 7 types...

Type of: agreement, understanding

the statement (oral or written) of an exchange of promises

n termination of a business operation by using its assets to discharge its liabilities

Synonyms: liquidation

Types: viatical settlement, viaticus settlement

sale of an insurance policy by a terminally ill policy holder

Type of: conclusion, ending, termination

the act of ending something